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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

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1. FOR GROUP ACCOMPANYING CODEL CHAIRMAN TO PM'S LUNCHEON, PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL, GROUP WOULD DEPART BY AUTOMOBILE FOR PM KRIANGSAK'S RESIDENCE FOR LUNCHEON, ARRIVING AT 1200 HOURS. WE WOULD PLAN FOR THE CODEL TO DEPART THE PM'S RESIDENCE AT 1430 HOURS IN ORDER FOR CONGRESSMAN WOLFF TO HOLD A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT AT 1445, IF HE DESIRES (THIS ASSUMING A 1515 DEPARTURE. IF DEPARTURE IS POSTPONED A HALF HOUR PER PARA 2B BELOW, THE PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR 1500).

2. FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF CODEL NOT INCLUDED IN PM'S LUNCHEON, MISSION PROPOSES FOLLOWING TWO ALTERNATIVES AND REQUESTS CODEL GUIDANCE.

A. ALTERNATIVE ONE: REMAIN AT DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE HAS A COMFORTABLE VIP LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT. A LUNCHEON COULD BE CATERED AT CODEL MEMBERS' EXPENSE AND WE COULD ARRANGE FOR A CULTURAL SHOW OF THAI DANCING AND MUSIC BY THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT,
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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ADDITIONALLY, WE COULD ARRANGE FOR SELECTED, REPUTABLE DEALERS IN GEMS, FABRICS AND OTHER THAI SPECIALITIES TO SET UP SHOP FOR THE DELEGATION'S CONVENIENCE. SUCH A SCHEDULE WOULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

1115 - ARRIVE
1130 - 1300 - RECEPTION, LUNCHEON

1300 - THAI CULTURAL SHOW

1345 - SHOPPING

IF DESIRED WE COULD ALSO ARRANGE A TOUR OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OR THE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY BOTH OF WHICH ARE WITHIN A SHORT DRIVE OF THE AIRPORT. OR

B. ALTERNATIVE TWO: TRAVEL TO DOWNTOWN BANGKOK. GIVEN THE HEAVY NOONTIME TRAFFIC OF BANGKOK AND ITS ENVIRONS, WE WOULD HAVE TO ALLOW AT LEAST AN HOUR EACH WAY FOR THE ROUNDTRIP FROM THE AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN BANGKOK. THIS WOULD ALLOW TWO AND A HALF HOURS FOR LUNCH AND SHOPPING IF THE DEPARTURE IS POSTPONED FOR HALF AN HOUR. SUCH A SCHEDULE WOULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

1115 - ARRIVE

1130 - DEPART DON VEZENG

1230 - ARRIVE RESIDENCE

1230 - 1330 - LUNCH GIVEN BY MRS WHITEHOUSE

1330-1430 - SHOPPING AT NEARBY HOTELS AND ARCADES

1445 - DEPART FOR DON MUANG

1545 - ARRIVE DON MUANG. DEPART FOR NEW DELHI.

3. IF CODEL CONCURS, WE WOULD PLAN A SHORT PRESS RELEASE ON THE CODEL VISIT. SUGGESTED TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE WILL BE FORWARDED SEPTTEL AFTER COORDINATION WITH RTG.

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4. COSTS INVOLVED FOR OPTIONS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2A WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$5.00 PER PERSON FOR LUNCH PLUS TOTAL OF \$200 FOR CULTURAL SHOW. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE BUSES AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT, THEREFORE UNDER EITHER OPTION WOULD PROPOSE RENTING TWO AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES FOR CODEL GROUP AT AIRPORT IF THEY PROCEED INTO BANGKOK OR WISH TO VISIT AIT OR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY. (WE CAN PROVIDE SEDANS FOR CODEL CHAIRMAN'S GROUP GOING TO PM'S LUNCH.)

5. PLEASE ADVISE CODEL'S REACTION TO PARAS 1 AND 3 AND PREFERENCES/SUGGESTIONS RE PROGRAMS OUTLINED IN PARA 2.

6. CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL WOLFF VISIT IS FSO GEORGE A. TRAIL. ALTERNATES ARE FSO PATRICK DEL VECCHIO AND ASST. AIR ATTACHE LTC. DONALD CANN. O'DONOHUE

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